

House Resolution No. 125

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri couple who have enjoyed tremendous personal success through the bonds of Holy Matrimony; and

Whereas, Willard Adams and Myrtle Jones were joined in marriage before the eyes of God during a memorable wedding ceremony officiated by the Reverend Sam Shepherd on February 24, 1954, in Caruthersville, Missouri; and

Whereas, Willard and Myrtle met while Willard was serving in the United States Navy as a radioman aboard the USS Repose during the Korean War, and Myrtle was employed at the National Bank in Caruthersville; and

Whereas, a native of Caruthersville, Willard Adams dutifully served his country in the United States Navy for four years, following which he found employment opportunities as an office manager at Brown Shoe Company and went on to serve as a member of the Bernie City Council for thirty years and as Mayor of the City of Bernie, a position he has held for the past six years; and

Whereas, a native of Steele, Myrtle Adams is a devoted wife, loving mother, and doting grandmother who enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as a stellar employee at the First Community Bank in Bernie for sixteen years before retiring in June 1995; and

Whereas, devout members of Northside Baptist Church where they glorify the Lord through a variety of roles, Willard and Myrtle Adams have relished every moment they have spent nurturing their two children, John Blaine Adams of Columbia, and Susan Lynne Averett of Dexter; and spoiling their three grandsons, Jordan and Colton Averett of Dexter, and Andrew Adams of Columbia; and

Whereas, treasured residents of Bernie since 1966, Willard and Myrtle Adams will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on February 22, 2004, with a festive celebration to be held at the Northside Baptist Church in Bernie:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most sincere and heartfelt congratulations to Willard and Myrtle Adams upon the glorious celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them only the very best as they continue to walk hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Willard Adams, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by _____
Representative Rob Mayer
District No. 159

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 125, adopted January 21, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker